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MICROELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 13, 2002, Applicants identify the following species:

Species I: Figs. 3 and 4; claims 1-12

Species II: Fig. 5, claims 19-25

Species III: Fig 8, claims 13-18

Applicant elects without traverse, Species III (claims 13-18). Applicant cancels remaining claims 1-12 and 19-25 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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